

it bears the closest analogy to the protoiodide of mercury over which it has the advantage of being better tolerated by the gastro-testinal tract. It exerts a favorable action on the spleen. In five observations where there was increased area of splenic dullness, a perceptible diminution in size was noted after the initiation of the course of treatment of this drug. I find this drug was first formed by Lajoux in 1881, and was first used in medicine by Dr. Aranjo in 1887. As an anticyphilitic the drug may be given internally in the dose of from 1-64 to 1-25 of a grain in pill form two or three times daily—or it may be given in the form of intra-muscular injection in the amount of $\frac{1}{8}$ gr. with an equal amount of potassium carbonate. Externally it can be employed in dressings or as salves in syphilitic ulcers and mucous patches and as an injection for gonorrhœa with potassium carbonate in the strength of from 6 grs. to 45 grs. to each quart of water.

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"ARISTOL."—According to Eichhoff this is a voluminous reddish-brown, amorphous precipitate which occurs when an aqueous solution of iodine in iodide of potassium is treated with thymol dissolved in a solution of caustic soda. It is di-thymol-iodide and contains about 45 to 46 per cent of iodine. It is said to be like chrysarobin, an active but harmless remedy in psoriasis mycosis and lupus. It should always be prescribed as a simple ointment with lanolin in ethereal solutions, or dissolved in oil.

Dr. Eichhoff (monats. f. prakt. Dromate.—No. 2, 1890). He finds it equal to iodoform in all cases in which he has tried it. It acts more slowly than chrysarobin or pyrogallie acid in cases of psoriasis, but has the advantage of not possessing the poisonous properties of the latter nor the disagreeable effects of the former. In parasitic skin diseases it is equal to other known remedies and is not irritating. In ulcers of the leg, and in the ulcers of the tertiary stages of syphilis it causes more rapid healing

than any other known external remedy, and he considers it to be superior to any known external agent for the treatment of lupus. Dr. Eichhoff used a 10 per cent ointment made with a petrolate.

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ARGENT NITRAS IN GONORRHOEA.—Dr. L. Friedheim assistant in the clinic of Professor Neisser at Breslau, who has made a number of observations with several drugs such as zinc lead, bismuth, tannin, and various preparations of mercury. permanganate of potassium, creolin, etc., to test their astringent effects as well as their capacity for destroying gonococci is equally dissatisfied with all the usual drugs. They all had either no permanent effect in destroying gonococci, or they irritated the mucous membrane to such an extent that their administration had to be stopped. Nitrate of silver alone acted quite satisfactorily. The author reports on 318 cases treated with this drug, 237 of which proved its anti bacterial effect satisfactorily. Unfavorable results were chiefly obtained with, out-patients who lived in unsatisfactory circumstances. The following is the modus operandi at Neisser's clinic. Every acute case is at once treated with an injection of nitrate of silver of the strength of from 1 in 4,000 to 1 in 2,000. The discharge generally increases at first, becoming thicker and more purulent, but very soon decreases and becomes thinner, whiter and more epithelial. The gonococci decrease in a remarkably short time, and sometimes entirely disappear in a few days. The injections are first administered from 4 to 6 times a day, and are then reduced to 1 or 2 in the 24 hours; but even after entire cessation of the discharge, the nitrate is still injected once a day for many weeks. The proper regimen must be employed for an equally long time. The injections are administered even when complications occur, especially epididymitis.